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SUBJECT: HOSPITALIZATION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

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REFS: A) STATE 072260; B) SOFIA 566; C) SOFIA 579; D) SOFIA 588

1. SENATOR HUGH SCOTT INTERESTED.

2. ON APRIL 1, EMBASSY OFFICER AGAIN CONSULTED WITH DR. MONOV, CHIEF OF TOXICOLOGY DEPARTMENT, PIROGOV HOSPITAL, WHO IS CHIEF OF TEAM OF PHYSICIANS ATTENDING MR. DEWAELE. WHEN INFORMED OF MRS. GROSS' DESIRE TO VISIT HER SON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (REFTEL A), DR. MONOV WAS VERY SYMPATHETIC BUT STATED THAT IN CONSIDERATION FOR DEWAELE, HE WOULD HAVE TO BE PROFESSIONALLY OPPOSED TO ANY VISITORS, INCLUDING MOTHER, WHILE DEWAELE REMAINS UNDER INTENSIVE CARE. HE SAID THAT DEWAELE IS CONSCIOUS FOR AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME, BUT IS STILL NOT ENTIRELY RATIONAL, AND IN HIS JUDGEMENT, ANY VISIT BY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AT THIS TIME COULD CAUSE EMOTIONAL OR PHYSICAL SETBACK. DR. MONOV SAID THAT DEWAELE'S CONDITION SEEMS TO BE STABILIZING SOMEWHAT AND THERE HAS BEEN SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST 24 HOURS. HE IS CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL THAT DEWAELE CAN BE MOVED FROM INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OVER WEEKEND OF APRIL 5 AND 6, AFTER WHICH MOTHER WOULD BE WELCOME TO VISIT. DR. MONOV ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS CASE FRANKLY WITH MOTHER AT ANY TIME. SINCE DR. MONOV SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH, INTERPRETER WOULD BE REQUIRED.

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3. DR. MONOV SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT AT THIS TIME
WHEN DEWAELE COULD BE SAFELY TRANSFERRED TO A U.S. HOSPITAL
FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. HE WAS AGAIN CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL
THAT BY NEXT WEEK DEWAELE'S CONDITION MIGHT HAVE STABILIZED
ENOUGH TO ALLOW A MORE DEFINITE PROGNOSIS.

4. EMBASSY IS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH DR. MONOV AND WILL
KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED. WHEN AND IF MRS. GROSS PLANS
TRAVEL SOFIA, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT EMBASSY CAN ASSIST
AS APPROPRIATE WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ENTRY FORMALITIES,
AND CONTACT WITH MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.
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